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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits for the above captioned application, no filing fee is due. If it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Copies of the references listed on the Forms PTO-1449 (5 pages) are provided herewith [via hand delivery] in connection with the above-captioned application. Item AY will arrive under separate cover.

The documents listed on the Forms PTO-1449 and supplied herewith are in the English language, with the exception of items AM and N. Item N (German patent no. DE 3,644,346) is in the German language and is accompanied by an English language Derwent Database (item BM) abstract describing the subject

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matter. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items are necessary.

Applicant also makes known to the Examiner the following U.S. and International applications which are commonly owned and/or have one or more inventors in common in the above-captioned application.

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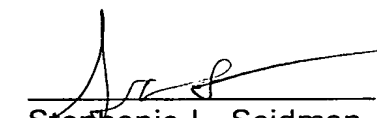
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and make them of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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